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PROJECTV-2.1 PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS: OUTCALT
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1. RECENT CABLE RECEIVED BY NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
FROM SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, PLUS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
BETWEEN DR. SKOOG (INTERIOR) AND DR. KHARITONOV, REVEALS
THAT SOVIET ACADEMY APPARENTLY HAS NO OBJECTION NOW TO
OUTCALT'S VISIT TO YAKUTSK AT SOME LATER TIME. SOVIET
ACADEMY STATES THEY WERE INFORMED BY DR. MELNIKOV THAT HE
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WAS NOT PREPARED TO RECEIVE DR. OUTCALT IN AUGUST AS PLANNED
BUT THAT OCTOBER MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. IMPLICATION SEEMS TO
BE THAT VISIT NOW IS TO FALL UNDER PURVIEW OF HYDROMET AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. SOVIET ACADEMY'S ROLE REMAINS

UNCLEAR.

2.DR. OUTCALT, HOWEVER, IS NOT ABLE TO VISIT YAKUTSK
LATER THIS YEAR, SO HIS PROPOSED TRIP MUST BE CANCELLED.

THIS CHANGE IS REGRETTABLE BECAUSE HE HAD LAID PLANS
FOR SOME TIME FOR THIS AUGUST VISIT AND HAS BEEN WAITING
ANXIOUSLY TO LEAVE FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. HIS VISIT TO
YAKUTSK AT SOME FUTURE DATE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE
PROJECT V-2.1 WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MOSCOW
26 SEPT - 5 OCTOBER 1975. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION FROM DR. R. SKOOG TO DR. B. DENISOV,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO DR. YU. KAZAKOV
OF HYDROMET:

3. "DEAR DR. DENISOV: WE HAVE CANCELLED DR. OUTCALT'S
PROPOSED VISIT TO THE PERMAFROST INSTITUTE AT YAKUTSK.
CLEARANCE FOR HIS VISA HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED, AND IT IS
NOW TOO LATE FOR AN AUGUST TRIP. I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED
THAT WE COULD NOT GET THE NEEDED CLEARANCE IN SPITE OF
THE FACT THAT THIS VISIT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE JOINT
COMMITTEE AT THEIR THIRD MEETING LAST DECEMBER. DR.
OUTCALT HAS BEEN INCONVENIENCED GREATLY BECAUSE HE HAD
ARRANGED HIS ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER TO PERMIT THE AUGUST
VISIT TO YAKUTSK. HE HAS BEEN WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR
OVER TWO WEEKS FOR HIS VISA CLEARANCE, ONLY TO HAVE THE
TRIP CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE. IF THERE WERE PROBLEMS
WITH HIS PROPOSED VISIT, IT WOULD HAVE HELPED
CONSIDERABLY TO HAVE HAD THE NEGATIVE DECISION MUCH
EARLIER.

4. DR. OUTCALT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR A VISIT TO THE USSR
DURING THE REST OF THIS YEAR, BUT PERHAPS A VISIT CAN BE
ARRANGED FOR 1976. WE STILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS
KIND OF COMPUTER MODELING WORK BEING CONSIDERED UNDER
OUR NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS PROJECT. PERHAPS WE CAN DISCUSS
THE TOPIC FURTHER AT OUR WORKGROUP MEETING NEXT MONTH.
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BEST REGARDS, SKOOG. SISCO

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